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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 2020-AD-00001-SCT

*IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS OF
THE SUPREME COURT OF
MISSISSIPPI*

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EN BANC ORDER

Before the en banc Court is the Motion for Temporary Adoption of Rule to the Uniform Rules of Procedure for Justice Court Imposing a Moratorium on Judicial Proceedings of Eviction Against Residential Tenants, or, in the Alternative, Petition for Extraordinary Writ Imposing Moratorium on Residential Evictions, due to the Outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) (Motion No. 2020-1303), filed by the Mississippi Center for Justice.

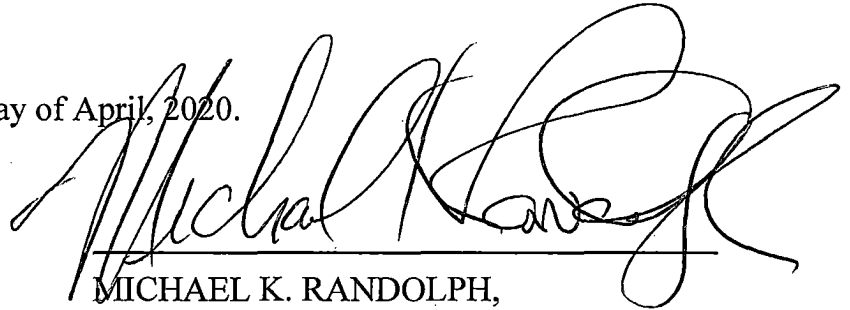
Under either Rule 27(f) or Rule 21(e) of the Mississippi Rules of Appellate Procedure, the Center asks us to (1) impose a temporary moratorium on all judicial proceedings of evictions against residential tenants and (2) prohibit charging late fees related to nonpayment of rent. The Center asks that the moratorium and late-fee prohibition extend until at least July 27, 2020.

After due consideration, all Justices agree that the requested relief exceeds the constitutionally granted authority of this Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motion for Temporary Adoption of Rule to the Uniform Rules of Procedure for Justice Court Imposing a Moratorium on Judicial

Proceedings of Eviction Against Residential Tenants, or, in the Alternative, Petition for Extraordinary Writ Imposing Moratorium on Residential Evictions, due to the Outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is denied.

SO ORDERED, this the 30th day of April, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Randolph", written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL K. RANDOLPH,
CHIEF JUSTICE
FOR THE COURT